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Governor's Advisory Council holds Statewide Meeting via High Tech Platform

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The Governor's Advisory Council for Small and Historically Underutilized Businesses held its monthly meeting yesterday using state of the art CISCO video conferencing technology originating at the Innovation Center, in Raleigh. The Council members, who live throughout the state, were able to save travel time by joining the meeting by using the distance learning facilities at their local Community College.

"The members of the Council are prominent business men and women who have volunteered their time to serve the State. By utilizing this cutting edge technology, we were able to connect everyone from their own communities, saving valuable time and money," said Wayne Branch, Chairman of the Governor's Advisory Council and CEO of Large and Small Graphics, LLC.

The Innovation Center is an information technology laboratory housed in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources building near the Capitol. It serves as a gathering place for State agencies and high tech business partners to create and test the latest technologies without using tax payer dollars.

"The Council is made up a diverse group of people who hail from Murphy to Manteo, so finding a convenient location for our meetings has been an ongoing challenge, but using the Innovation Center has provided a viable solution," said Advisory Council Technology Sub-Committee Chair and CEO of Taylor Made Solution, Inc., Mark Haupt.

The formation and use of the Innovation Center is part of Governor McCrory's initiative to break down silos, increase collaboration, and improve efficiency in State agencies.

For more information about the Governor's Advisory Council on Small and Historically Underutilized Businesses (GAC), please contact [Kat Woods](#), Small Business Liaison, at 919-807-2436 or visit www.doa.nc.gov/hub.

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